

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA**

Stephen Smotts,	)	C/A No. 0:05-0005-DCN-BM
	)	
Plaintiff,	)	
	)	
vs.	)	<b><u>ORDER</u></b>
	)	
P. Sturkie, Lt. at Lee Correctional	)	
Institution; R. Cothran, Captain at Lee	)	
Correctional Institution; Robert Ward;	)	
A. Sellars, DHO Lee Correctional Institution;	)	
D. Mitchell, IGC Lee Correctional Institution;	)	
A. J. Padula, Warden Lee Correctional	)	
Institution; Responsible Official, name unknown)	)	
SCDC,	)	
	)	
Defendants.	)	
	)	

The above referenced case is before this court upon the magistrate judge's recommendation that the defendants' motion for summary judgment be granted and that this case be dismissed.

This Court is charged with conducting a de novo review of any portion of the magistrate judge's report to which a specific objection is registered, and may accept, reject, or modify, in whole or in part, the recommendations contained in that report. 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1). However, absent prompt objection by a dissatisfied party, it appears that Congress did not intend for the district court to review the factual and legal

conclusions of the magistrate judge. Thomas v Arn, 474 U.S. 140 (1985). Additionally, any party who fails to file timely, written objections to the magistrate judge's report pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1) waives the right to raise those objections at the appellate court level. United States v. Schronce, 727 F.2d 91 (4th Cir. 1984), cert. denied, 467 U.S. 1208 (1984 ).<sup>1</sup> No objections have been filed to the magistrate judge's report and recommendation.

A de novo review of the record indicates that the magistrate judge's report accurately summarizes this case and the applicable law. Accordingly, the magistrate judge's report and recommendation is affirmed, the defendants' motion for summary judgment is **granted**, and this case is **dismissed**.

**AND IT IS SO ORDERED.**



David C. Norton  
United States District Judge

Charleston, South Carolina  
December 4, 2006

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<sup>1</sup>In Wright v. Collins, 766 F.2d 841 (4th Cir. 1985), the court held "that a pro se litigant must receive fair notification of the consequences of failure to object to a magistrate judge's report before such a procedural default will result in waiver of the right to appeal. The notice must be 'sufficiently understandable to one in appellant's circumstances fairly to appraise him of what is required.'" Id. at 846. Plaintiff was advised in a clear manner that his objections had to be filed within ten (10) days, and he received notice of the consequences at the appellate level of his failure to object to the magistrate judge's report.

**NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL**

The parties are hereby notified that any right to appeal this Order is governed by Rules 3 and 4 of the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure.